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I have been instructed to bring the following to your urgent attention. Today, as part of the ongoing Israeli escalation of terror being waged against the Palestinian people, Israeli occupying forces, backed by tanks and helicopter gunships, launched a major assault on refugee camps in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In the Balata refugee camp near Nablus, Israeli occupying forces fired heavy machine guns and fired missiles into the refugee camp, cutting off power and plunging the camp into complete darkness. Also, dozens of Israeli tanks entered the city of Jenin from three directions and surrounded a refugee camp, shooting from tank-mounted machine guns and helicopter gunships. Furthermore, Israeli occupying forces attacked the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem as well as the Khan Yunis and Rafah refugee camps in the Gaza Strip.

This latest Israeli criminal aggression resulted in the killing of 11 Palestinians and the injury of more than 100 Palestinians, some of them critically. It also caused physical destruction and devastation to Palestinian buildings and infrastructure, all located in densely populated refugee camps, endangering the lives of thousands of Palestinians, threatening to lead to a massacre of Palestinian refugees. These new war crimes committed by Prime Minister Sharon and his government illustrate their complete disregard for the lives of Palestinian civilians, including women and children.

Also, on Sunday, 25 February 2002, Israeli occupying forces opened fire on a car at a checkpoint near the Balata refugee camp in Nablus, seriously wounding a pregnant Palestinian woman on her way to the hospital to give birth. The very next day, 26 February 2002, at the same Israeli checkpoint, Israeli occupying forces opened fire at another Palestinian car, killing Mr. Mohammed Hayek, critically injuring his father and wounding his pregnant wife as they too were rushing to the

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hospital. These war crimes are clearly correlated with the recent decision by the Israeli government to escalate its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people.

We hold Prime Minister Sharon and his government fully responsible for the above-mentioned crimes and other violations committed, especially those constituting war crimes and State terrorism, against the Palestinian people. The international community, particularly the Security Council, cannot stand idly by while the Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out this bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority. During the Security Council debate regarding the grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, which convened on 21, 26 and 27 February 2002, the broad participation of Member States of the United Nations reflected the seriousness of the situation and the grave danger facing the Palestinian population. We therefore reiterate our call for the Security Council to take immediate and necessary action to bring all Israeli violations against the Palestinian people to an immediate end and to provide the necessary protection for the Palestinian civilians.

In follow-up to our previous 100 letters to you regarding the crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 21 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-

S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182 and A/ES-10/149-S/2002/190), I regret to inform you that, since my letter to you, Israeli occupying forces have killed more than 18 Palestinians and have incurred more than 100 injuries, many severe and permanent, among the Palestinian people.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marwan **Jilani**
Chargé d'affaires

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Following a decision by the Israeli government to "intensify military strikes" against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority, the Israeli occupying forces today committed more war crimes and State terrorism, killing 16 Palestinians. In Al-Amari refugee camp near Ramallah, Israeli tanks fired several shells at the car of Mr. Hussein Abu Kweik, killing his wife and his three children. Two other children who were in an adjacent car were also killed. In Jenin, Israeli tanks shelled an ambulance, killing Dr. Khalil Sulieman. Five more Palestinians were killed when Israeli occupying forces raided Jenin refugee camp using tanks and helicopter gunships. Israeli occupying forces also killed three Palestinians in Rafah, one in Qalqilya and one in the Balata refugee camp.

The above-mentioned war crimes and State terrorism come after the Israeli occupying forces invaded the Balata and Jenin refugee camps over the last few days. During that invasion, Israeli occupying forces killed more than 30 Palestinians, including children. In addition, they destroyed a large number of Palestinian homes and caused extensive damage to water and electricity lines as well as other property belonging to the inhabitants.

Israel, the occupying Power, claims that such war crimes, State terrorism and other oppressive measures are taken in reprisal while in fact they represent an established policy of the government as part of the Israeli bloody military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people since 28 September 2000. Only today, the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Ariel Sharon, said in an interview that the Palestinians should "suffer many losses" and "be hit very hard, because if they don't feel they have been defeated, it will be impossible to return to the negotiating table".

The international community must stop Israeli war crimes and State terrorism and reverse all illegal actions and measures taken by Israel against the Palestinian people. The Security Council bears the utmost responsibility in this regard as the body responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, and we

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once more call on the Security Council to take the necessary action in follow-up to the Council's public meetings convened on 21, 26 and 27 February 2002.

In follow-up to our previous 101 letters to you regarding the crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 28 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/190; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214 and A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223), I regret to inform you that the 16 Palestinians killed today, in addition to the scores of Palestinians killed over the past few days by the Israeli occupying forces raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 980. (The names of the martyrs, including the martyrs mentioned in our letter to you dated 28 February 2002, are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Moreover, the number of Palestinians injured, many seriously, by the Israeli occupying forces also continues to rise dramatically.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 26 February 2002, through Monday, 4 March 2002)

Tuesday, 26 February 2002

Mohammed Hayek

Thursday, 28 February 2002

1. Kayed Khalil Abu Mustafa
2. Mahdi Hasan Alnamor
3. Mohamed Kasem
4. Mahmoud Khalil Tantawi (18 years old)
5. Abed Hasan Al-Helo (17 years old)
6. Mohamed Mahmoud Al-Haj
7. Samih Fawzi Al-Ardah
8. Osama Mousa Jad-Allah
9. Abdallah Othman Sha'baan Sha'baan
10. Mohamed Mahmoud Rasheed Fayed
11. Khalil Mohamed Khalil Khabas
12. Mohamed Awad Al-Jindi
13. Baker Zeeb Al-Sarawi
14. Abdel Rahim Mustafa Seif

Friday, 1 March 2002

1. Khaled Nijm
2. Ibrahim Moussa Al Talaka (7 years old)
3. Yousserf Dawood Mohamed Aloosh
4. Mahmoud Azab
5. Iyad Alsayes (15 years old)
6. Yasser Alsayes
7. Hakam Abu Eisha (from sustained wounds)
9. Loai Amin Zabaya Turkman (17 years old)
10. Maria Eiz Eldin Abu Seriah (9 years old)

Saturday, 2 March 2002

1. Tayseer Kamal Mohamed Ga'ara (18 years old)
2. Mohamed Mufid Mustafa Salem
3. Inas Ibrahim Eissa Salah (10 years old) (from wounds sustained on 19 February 2002)
4. Khalil Salman Al Jamasi

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 980.

Sunday, 3 March 2002

1. Zaki Amer Ashour
2. Hakam Abu Eisha (from wounds sustained on 28 February 2002)
3. Ayman Kasem Durghama
4. Khaled Shuaeb Suwileh
5. Islam Sadeq Shawahna
6. Abdallah Salem Abdelhady Thabit

Monday, 4 March 2002

1. Boushra Abu Kweik
2. Mohammed Abu Kweik (8 years old)
3. Azizah Abu Kweik (17 years old)
4. Bara' Abu Kweik (14 years old)
5. Shaima' Eiz El-Din Al-Basalah (4 years old)
6. Dr. Khalil Sulieman
7. Ahmed Al-Sofi
8. Saber Abu Libdeh
9. Ibrahim Barhoum
10. Asma'a Kamal Al-Razi
11. Samira Zubaidi
12. Amjad Badran
13. Nasser Abu Johar
14. Imad Abu Baker
15. Arafat Ibrahim Al-Masri (16 years old)
16. Ayman Hassan Abdel Rihim Ghanem (17 years old)
17. Mohammed Fakhry Al-Hashash (from wounds sustained on 1 March 2002)

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Late yesterday, Israeli helicopter gunships targeted the official compound of President Yasser Arafat in Ramallah, firing two missiles at a building in the compound. President Arafat was present at the time of the attack, a fact well-known to the occupying forces, which clearly posed danger to his life. This crazy attack, which is against all international norms and standards, compounds the military siege being imposed by the Israeli occupying forces on the Palestinian president. Both reflect the madness of this Israeli government and only ensure the continuing deterioration of the already grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Also yesterday, Israeli occupying forces bombed a Palestinian security building in Bethlehem with F-16 warplanes and completely destroyed another Palestinian building in the city. Those attacks caused the injury of several Palestinians and caused more physical destruction to the Palestinian infrastructure that has already been severely devastated by the relentless and barbaric Israeli military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian leadership. At the same time, other attacks were carried out by the Israeli occupying forces in Gaza, including Israeli naval missile fire aiming at President Arafat's headquarters in the city and an attack on a Palestinian national guard building in Khan Yunis.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces also committed yet another extrajudiciary execution. An Israeli helicopter gunship targeted a car in Ramallah, killing the three Palestinian men in the car with missile fire. In addition, earlier today, a Palestinian man was killed by Israeli forces in the village of Dura near Al-Khalil, and five Palestinians were abducted by the Israeli forces in villages near Nablus and Al-Khalil.

In another serious development today, a bomb exploded in the yard of a Palestinian school in Occupied East Jerusalem, wounding several students and a teacher. A previously unknown Israeli terrorist group claimed responsibility for the

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bombing. Two more bombs were also found at the school and a fourth bomb was found at a nearby community clinic. This represents yet another form of Israeli terrorism against the Palestinian people in addition to that committed by the Israeli occupying forces and the illegal armed settlers.

We hold Israel, the occupying Power, responsible for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and other human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people. Such crimes, terrorism and violations constitute the established policy of the government of Mr. Ariel Sharon, who has made extremely clear his intention to continue, and indeed intensify, the military assault against the Palestinian people being waged since September 2000. In this regard, we reiterate our call for the United Nations Security Council to uphold its responsibilities and take the necessary action in follow-up of its meetings of 21, 26 and 27 February 2002.

In follow-up to our previous 102 letters to you regarding the grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 4 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/190; A/ES-10/150-

S/2002/214 and A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223), and since my letter to you yesterday, I regret to inform you that five more Palestinians were killed by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador, Permanent Observer of Palestine
to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 5 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Monday, 4 March 2002 to Tuesday, 5 March 2002)

Monday, 4 March 2002 (in addition to the martyrs listed in the annex to the letter of 4 March 2002)

Fuad Hassan Basharat

Tuesday, 5 March 2002

1. Mohammed Suleiman Hassan Al-'Atawneh
2. Muhanad Abu Halawa
3. Omar Safi
4. Fawzi Marar

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 985.

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Letter dated 5 March 2002 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I would like to draw your attention once again to the extremely alarming situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Allow me to focus on some areas that are of particular concern to the Committee.

In the course of the past several weeks, the security situation on the ground has been steadily worsening. Daily, innocent civilians on both sides are killed and injured in unending violence. Since the beginning of the Al-Aqsa intifada, over 1,000 Palestinians and some 300 Israelis have lost their lives. In an effort to quell actions by Palestinian militants, Israel has resorted to fighter jets and helicopter gunships, heavy armour and the use of special army units. Shelling targets in densely populated areas, in particular in the Gaza Strip, has resulted in a considerable human toll and widescale destruction of residential and other buildings. Incursions into Palestinian towns and areas have now become "business as usual" for the Israel Defense Forces. In yet another worrying development, the Israel Defense Forces have made several incursions into Palestine refugee camps in Balata and Jenin in the West Bank and in Rafah in the Gaza Strip, leaving large numbers of dead and injured persons. In addition, the situation at Israeli checkpoints and roadblocks throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory has noticeably deteriorated. Over one week alone, we have witnessed several tragic incidents at roadblocks, with at least three cases involving pregnant women.

Recently, the Israel Defense Forces have stepped up attacks against the various elements of the Palestinian Authority. It has totally or partially destroyed scores of Palestinian Authority facilities, including its security and police installations, radio and TV stations, as well as Palestinian airport and naval facilities. Our Committee also strongly condemns the virtual house arrest of Chairman Arafat. This harsh measure against the leader of the Palestinian people should be lifted immediately.

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In the 18 months of the intifada, the economic deprivation of the Palestinian people has reached catastrophic proportions. Thousands of Palestinian families have been left without any source of income, increasingly dependent on emergency relief. The almost methodical destruction of towns, villages and agricultural lands has made large numbers of Palestinians homeless and has led to their internal displacement — a dangerous new development. Overall, we are witnessing the unfolding of a humanitarian crisis. It is incumbent on the international community to address this situation and provide the Palestinian people with the much-needed humanitarian assistance.

It has been said on many occasions and in various quarters that the conflict cannot be resolved by means of force. The parties must restore mutual trust through positive actions on the ground and bridge their differences through meaningful negotiations. In this context, the Committee welcomes and supports all initiatives leading the parties out of the present impasse towards a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement based on Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and the principle of land for peace. We, in the Committee, also fully agree with your assessment of the present situation and share the view that efforts at re-establishing security should be complemented by dramatic steps in the political and socio-economic areas. In the Committee's view, the work of the "Quartet", composed of representatives of the two co-sponsors of the peace process, the European Union and the United Nations, has acquired special importance and can indeed catalyse the broader international effort at bringing peace to the region. This is especially critical now, as the divide between the two sides appears to be rapidly growing. Innovative approaches and fresh ideas emanating from regional and extraregional parties are therefore necessary and should be encouraged. We all have to act now. The international community cannot afford to waste more time in the quest for peace in the Middle East.

However, in working for peace in the region, we should be acutely aware that no solution to the conflict could be found without addressing its core problem — the question of the continuing illegal Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. To be successful, all peacemaking efforts should take this central premise into account. It is also clear that the Israelis and the Palestinians will only be able to enjoy peace and normality when the occupation becomes a thing of the past.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our Committee's position that the United Nations should maintain its permanent responsibility for the question of Palestine until it is resolved in a satisfactory manner, in conformity with relevant United Nations resolutions and international legitimacy and until the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are fully realized.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Papa Louis **Fall**
Chairman
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable
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The Israeli military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people continues unabated, and is indeed intensifying, pursuant to the declaration by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to, inter alia, carry out "an aggressive and continuous campaign without let-up". Today, the Israeli occupying forces, using all means of heavy weaponry, launched air, land and sea attacks against numerous Palestinian targets throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The Palestinian death toll rose today as a result of the Israeli attacks, which killed a total of 13 Palestinians. These attacks also caused extensive physical destruction of the already battered Palestinian infrastructure, including the demolition of at least three Palestinian homes.

Among the Palestinian targets damaged by Israeli fire today was the home of President Yasser Arafat in Gaza City. The President's home, as well as a United Nations school for the blind, suffered severe damage as Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at a Palestinian security facility in the area. In other assaults carried out by the occupying forces, including by F-16 warplanes, two Palestinian police stations in Gaza were destroyed, including a building used by the Palestinian police chief. Israeli naval gunboats also launched strikes against a Palestinian naval base in Gaza, killing four Palestinian officers.

Further, the Israeli occupying forces deployed numerous tanks into the area of the Palestinian villages of Abassan and Karrara, which also came under attack by helicopter gunships. Israeli forces prevented ambulances from reaching the wounded in the attacks, which killed three Palestinian civilians, including a 40-year-old woman. Moreover, at least 14 Palestinians were abducted during the Israeli raid, and occupying forces overtook three apartment buildings in a refugee camp in one of the villages.

The intensification of the bloody Israeli military campaign, characterized by a continuous barrage of air, land and naval strikes, against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian leadership has resulted in rising numbers of Palestinian dead and

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wounded and threatens to reach disastrous proportions. The international community, particularly the Security Council, is duty-bound to take action to bring an immediate end to the human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism being perpetrated against the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupying forces. It cannot continue to stand idly by as the cycle of violence rages and situation in the Occupied Palestinian territory continues to deteriorate and jeopardize the stability of the entire region.

In follow-up to our previous 103 letters to you regarding this escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 5 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223 and A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232), it is my regret to inform you that a total of 13 Palestinians, including children, were killed today by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Their deaths raise the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 998 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Wednesday, 6 March 2002)

1. Abdel Razik Mahmoud Khidr Astity
2. Lo'ai Fathi Amin Dabaya (14 years old)
3. Jamil Al-Sabbagh
4. Maher Hamada
5. Ahmed Abu Taher
6. Mohammed Al-Qumu'
7. Mofida Abu Daqa
8. Abdel Ghany Abu Daqa
9. Mohammed Al-Rajoub
10. Jamal Abu Hamad
11. Mahdy Al-Qaisy (18 years old)
12. Yehia Al-Da'amasa
13. unidentified

[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 998.

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The number of Palestinians killed by the Israeli occupying forces since the beginning of its bloody military campaign launched against the Palestinian people on 28 September 2000 has now surpassed 1,000 victims. These martyrs include Palestinian children, women and men. This tragic figure, however, does not include many other Palestinians who have died as a result of the practices and measures of the Israeli occupation, including those who have died at checkpoints after being prevented from reaching hospitals, those who have died from medical traumas experienced following raids and bombardments or those who have died because of lack of access to appropriate medical care and services due to the siege imposed on the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

This 17-month-old Israeli military campaign, which has involved some of the most vicious war crimes and State terrorism, has also encompassed the wide destruction of property, both public and private, the destruction of roads and vital infrastructure, the destruction of agricultural fields, the destruction of the Palestinian economy as a whole and the destruction of facilities belonging to the Palestinian Authority. The devastation wrought by the Israeli occupying forces, in addition to the imposition of the constant military siege on Palestinian refugee camps, villages, towns and cities, has caused the complete socio-economic suffocation of the Palestinian people.

Today, 15 more Palestinians were killed by the Israeli occupying forces' excessive and indiscriminate use of force. Using tanks, helicopter gunships, warplanes and naval gunboats, the occupying forces continued to bombard Palestinian targets throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory in complete defiance of international pleas for Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military assaults against the Palestinian people.

Dozens of Israeli tanks and armoured vehicles entered the Palestinian city of Tulkarem and the nearby Nour al-Shams and Tulkarem refugee camps, occupying

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positions there and taking over the roads. In addition to the ground raids carried out by Israeli forces into the refugee camps, helicopter gunships launched missile strikes, killing and wounding several Palestinian civilians and destroying property in the already impoverished camps. Moreover, in the raid on the Tulkarem camp, Israeli soldiers shot and killed a United Nations paramedic when they fired on his ambulance, and wounded four other ambulance workers in another shooting. During that same raid, the occupying forces also seized a school belonging to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

Also today, Israeli occupying forces attacked various Palestinian security installations, including in Bethlehem, Al-Khalil and Halhoul, damaging buildings and causing numerous injuries. Further, Israeli forces continued to target the police compound in Gaza City, as well as a police roadblock, striking with warplanes and from naval gunboats, causing yet more death and destruction and wounding several Palestinian police officers. In addition to the facilities struck, a building belonging to the Palestine Red Crescent Society and a United Nations school sustained damage in the attacks.

The escalation of attacks by the Israeli occupying forces comes in direct fulfilment of the absolutely mad policy of Mr. Sharon and his Government aimed at "battering" the Palestinians and using force "without let-up" to push the Palestinian people and leadership into submission. In this regard, for the second time yesterday, Israeli occupying forces targeted the official headquarters of President Yasser Arafat in Ramallah while he was meeting with European Union Special Envoy Miguel Angel Moratinos, practically endangering both of their lives as well as those of many others in the compound at the time.

It is to be recalled at this serious juncture that the Security Council has repeatedly failed to undertake any concrete measures to address the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since its adoption of resolution 1322 (2000) on 7 October 2000 nearly a year and a half ago. This failure to take action has occurred in spite of repeated attempts by the majority of the members of the Security Council and of the United Nations as a whole, who could correctly argue that this tragic and continuous deterioration could have been stopped with the proper action by the Council. We once again call upon the Security Council to urgently take the necessary measures to bring an end to the deterioration and reverse the current tragic situation. In this regard, we must note with appreciation the statements and efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In follow-up to our previous 104 letters to you regarding this escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 6 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Thursday, 7 March 2002)

1. Tareq Abu Jamoos
2. Saqr Maher Aleil
3. Hosni Nayef Al-Dahman
4. Ismail Al-Bardeeni
5. Sa'id Ali Ibrahim Sobeh (15 years old)
6. Akram Mohammed Ghanayem
7. Samir Ghanem
8. Shadi Tawfik Abbas
9. Yussef Mohammed Shahadeh (18 years old)
10. Mohammed Saleh Yassin
11. Mohammed Ali Al-Sous
12. Muhanad Mahmoud Abu Hilal
13. Mohammed Tayseer Al-Aneeny
14. Kamal Salem
15. Ibrahim Mohammed Assad

[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,013.

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Israel, the occupying Power, has fiercely intensified its bloody and barbaric military campaign against the Palestinian people under its occupation. With this escalation of Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and human rights violations against the Palestinian people has come the rising toll of Palestinian dead and wounded, including children. The intensifying assaults directly follow the decision declared by the Israeli Prime Minister to escalate the use of force against the Palestinian people with the aim of beating them into submission to the occupying Power.

In less than 24 hours, since my letter to you yesterday, at least 40 Palestinians have been killed throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory by the Israeli occupying forces and more than 100 have been injured, many of them critically. In fact, several of those killed were left to bleed to death as Israeli forces continued to prevent ambulances and medical personnel from reaching the wounded. Among the many Palestinians killed today were two children, a mother of five children, a doctor, a paramedic and a General of the Palestinian National Security Services.

These most recent Palestinian deaths have been the result of the excessive, indiscriminate and deadly force unleashed by the Israeli occupying forces in numerous assaults on Palestinian refugee camps, villages, towns and cities today. Launching attacks by air, land and sea, the occupying forces have used all types of heavy weaponry from the lethal military arsenal at their disposal, including machine guns, tanks, helicopter gunships, naval gunboats and warplanes. In particular, the Israeli occupying forces have persisted with the bombardment of Palestinian Authority security and police installations throughout the Occupied Territory.

Many of the attacks carried out by the occupying forces today followed continuing incursions into areas under Palestinian control. In addition to the killings and destruction of property incurred, numerous Palestinians have been abducted by the Israeli occupying forces during these raids. Further, the Israeli army continued to occupy the city of Tulkarem and the Tulkarem refugee camp as well as the city of

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Bethlehem and surrounding towns and refugee camps, including Beit Jala, Beit Sahour and the Deheisheh and Aida camps. The occupying forces also continued to make incursions throughout the Gaza Strip, in particular in the Khan Yunis refugee camp and surrounding area, including the village of Khuzza'a, which suffered the highest death toll today.

In addition to the raids and assaults being carried out by the Israeli occupying forces, the Palestinian people have also been the targets of violence perpetrated by illegal Israeli settlers. At least a dozen illegal armed settlers went on a rampage today in the village of Huwara near Nablus. The settlers fired guns and attacked houses with stones, wounding at least four Palestinians and damaging a mosque and a medical clinic. Israeli forces present at the time did not take any action to stop the settler attacks

As the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people continues to intensify in all its forms, the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory continues to gravely deteriorate, threatening to spiral out of control and to destabilize the entire region. The international community, particularly the United Nations Security Council, is duty-bound to take action to prevent the further deterioration of the situation for the preservation of international peace and security. Each day that passes in which the Security Council fails to take action is another day in which the death toll rises and the tragedy deepens. Accordingly, we reiterate our call for the Security Council to urgently take the necessary measures to bring an end to the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In follow-up to our previous 105 letters to you regarding this escalating crisis and grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 7 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941;

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Friday, 8 March 2002)

1. Salman Ibrahim Al-Dibs
2. Sa'ed Soud Eid
3. Ibrahim Al-Araj
4. Ma'moun Abed Qudeh
5. Bassam Abed Aker
6. Wael Mohammed Awaad
7. Awad Ahmed Najarma
8. Ibrahim Mohammed Agha
9. General Ahmed Mufrij Abu Hamid
10. Moussa Suliman Al-Najjar
11. Baker Hussein Al-Najjar
12. Ashraf Suliman Al-Najjar
13. Aref HarezAllah
14. Riad Al-Qasas
15. Ayman Ibrahim Abu Tair
16. Marwan Salman Abu Mutlaq
17. Ibrahim Yehia Abu Daqa
18. Khaled Ibrahim Qudeh
19. Hussam Shehdah Abu Teir
20. Riad Salim Abu Reideh
21. Mohammed Abu Rujeleh Qudeh
22. Mohammed Tawfiq Abu Reideh
23. Ehab Abdel Karim Ismail
24. Mahmoud Shihdeh Qudeh
25. Khalil Abed Qudeh
26. Hamed Qudeh

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,053.

27. Fayez Qudeh
28. Mohammed Ahmed Abu Ghoseh
29. Saeed Shalaiel
30. Samer Younes
31. Eid Abu Obeid
32. Hany Radwan Ashour
33. Ziad Jarad
34. Khaled Naief KheirAllah
35. Mohammed Ma'moun Fayez Abu Ali (10 years old)
36. Ahmed Abu Tammam
37. Bilal Abu Hashem Rajab
38. Mahmoud Rassem Abaas
39. Mohammed Sidqi Nassar
40. Yehia Jameel Odeh

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Last night (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces once more invaded the city of Qalqiliya, killing two Palestinians, injuring many others and causing extensive destruction to a great deal of Palestinian property. The occupying forces rounded up the male population of the city and detained at least 600 of them, handcuffed and blindfolded. The same practice, with similar numbers, took place in the refugee camps of Deheisheh near Bethlehem and in the village of Artas. A few days ago, after invading the city of Tulkarem and the adjacent refugee camps, Israeli occupying forces rounded up more than 1,200 Palestinians, many of whom were detained.

The above is in line with the absolutely mad policy of Mr. Ariel Sharon and his Government, aimed at "battering Palestinians" and using force "without let-up", which has included attacks against and invasion of many refugee camps. These attacks have also included the destruction of the headquarters of President Yasser Arafat in Gaza City, the assassination of two Palestinians in Occupied East Jerusalem, and even attacks against ambulances and medical personnel.

In follow-up to our previous 106 letters to you regarding this escalating crisis and grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 8 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239;

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Saturday, 9 March 2002

1. Hanan Mohammed Al-Rayhi
2. Ahmed Abu Ghanem
3. Mutaz Abdel Fatah Al-Jaroushi
4. Rana Ziad Al-Jayousi
5. Jad Mahmoud Salen Attallah
6. Nida'a Suliman Al-Azza (15 years old)
7. Fares Ezat Shabat
8. Wesam Suliman Shabat

Sunday, 10 March 2002

1. Samer Rateb Ewais
2. Hamed Eizat Suliman Omran
3. Mahmoud Tayseer Ahmed Ghanem (13 years old)

Monday, 11 March 2002

1. Yousef Khaled Al-Aqra
2. Atef Ahmed Al-Bayari
3. Yehia Hamdan Abo Saed
4. Ayman Saleh Mhan (18 years old)

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,068.

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The bloody Israeli onslaught against the Palestinian people continued to intensify late Monday into today, with hundreds of Israeli troops and tanks and armoured vehicles descending upon Palestinian refugee camps, towns and cities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The largest incursions and the deadliest assaults by the Israeli occupying forces were carried out in the Jabaliya refugee camp in Gaza and in the Amari refugee camp in Ramallah.

Overnight Monday and into the early hours of Tuesday morning, the Israeli occupying forces carried out attacks against the Jabaliya refugee camp, which is the largest and most heavily populated of the refugee camps in Gaza. Using tanks and helicopter gunfire, the Israeli forces killed at least 18 Palestinians and injured more than 80 people in the camp and caused extensive destruction of property. The assaults spread terror and panic among the civilian population, causing many refugees, including women and children, to flee the camp in fear in the dark of night. Also, in another raid in Gaza, the occupying forces killed four Palestinians in Khan Yunis in a missile strike on an aluminium factory.

In Ramallah, more than 150 Israeli tanks and armoured vehicles entered the city early today, with soldiers of the occupying force raiding homes throughout the city, particularly in the Amari refugee camp, and tanks positioned at almost every street corner. Israeli tanks even fired upon a hotel in Ramallah housing at least 40 foreign journalists who were documenting the assault being perpetrated against the Amari camp. Further, occupying forces shelled a hospital in the city and continued to fire at and prevent medical personnel from reaching and assisting the wounded. At least five Palestinians were killed by Israeli occupying forces during the assault in Ramallah today. Clearly, this huge Israeli military incursion into such a densely populated city and refugee camp poses a serious threat to the safety and well-being of the entire civilian population in the area.

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At the same time, the Israeli occupying forces continued today to round up and detain Palestinian men, aged 15 to 60, during raids throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in the Jabaliya and Amari refugee camps. The biggest round-up today took place in the Palestinian town of Wadi al Salqa in Gaza, where more than 100 Palestinians continue to be detained. Many of the detained have been forced to stand blindfolded, hands tied and stripped to the waist. In total, more than 2,000 Palestinians have been detained and questioned by the Israeli occupying army in just the past few days, adding to the mounting human rights violations being committed by the occupying Power against the Palestinian people.

These latest deadly incursions by the Israeli occupying forces convey the true intentions and duplicity of the Government of Mr. Sharon. The continuing war crimes, State terrorism and human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupying forces are actions for which the Government of Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable. Further, the incessant killings, bombardments and destruction must be brought to an immediate end, and the international community is duty-bound to help in this regard.

At this time, I wish to refer to the very important statement made by the Secretary-General during the public briefing today at the Security Council. While the Secretary-General called on Mr. Arafat and Mr. Sharon to immediately take the necessary political, security and economic steps on the ground, he also called on the Security Council to lend its full authority and influence to the vital cause of peace. This is the most vocal call by the Secretary-General for the Security Council to act, and we join the Secretary-General in calling upon the Council to take the necessary actions immediately before this grave situation worsens even further.

In follow-up to our previous 107 letters to you regarding this escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 11 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64 S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880;

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I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Monday, 11 March and Tuesday, 12 March 2002)

Monday, 11 March 2002

(In addition to the martyrs' names in our letter of 11 March)

1. Yousef Khaled Al-Aqra
2. Atef Ahmed Al-Bayari
3. Yehia Hamdan Abu Saed
4. Ayman Saleh Emhana (18 years old)
5. Nabil Al-Masaree

Tuesday, 12 March 2002

1. Yousef Mohammed Abu Al-Qomsan
2. Eyad Ahmed Issa
3. Fawzi Sabri Abu Shammas
4. Mohammed Salim Abu Skheelah
5. Hani Salim Abu Skheelah
6. Ya'cob Abu Odeh
7. Saed Ahmed Hassouna
8. Nabil Abu Al-Qare'
9. Majdi Al-Talole
10. Hamouda Nejim
11. Sameer Sa'idi Sababa
12. Hosam Hassan Al-Barrawe
13. Waleed Abdel Rahman
14. Abdel Rahman Mohammed Ezzedine
15. Ahmed Ismail Kafina
16. Mohammed Rusdi Eqelat
17. Ahmed Abu Hilal

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,100.

18. Rawan Abdel Qader (15 years old)
19. Rami Azzam Basheer (18 years old)
20. Ziya Al-Barghouti
21. Feras Qathim Baituni
22. Adham Ali Kamel
23. Alaa' Mohammed Mustafa
24. Raafat Al-Besheeti
25. Mohammed Jumaa Al-Besheeti
26. Ahmed Jumaa Al-Besheeti
27. Zohair Kawaree
28. Mohammed Ahmad Hils
29. Bilal Fayez Shehada
30. Mohammed Al-Baqaree

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The Palestinian leadership has welcomed Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) of 12 March and has expressed its readiness to comply with its provisions and to implement it in full. We believe that the Israeli government is under the obligation to declare the same in an unambiguous way. That will ensure that Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) will indeed help end the current tragic situation on the ground and push the parties towards the path of peace. We call on the international community to ensure that this will be the case. Unfortunately, however, Israel, the occupying Power, despite the adoption of Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) continues to wage its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people. This has included additional war crimes and State terrorism.

With regard to the latest massive Israeli incursion, while the occupying forces were withdrawn from inside Palestinian cities, they remained around cities and refugee camps, effectively maintaining a siege on them. Today, a Palestinian woman, her three children (ages 4, 8, 16) and her 10-year-old nephew were killed in an explosion when their donkey cart struck an Israeli landmine in the central Gaza Strip. This war crime was a grim reminder of a similar tragedy on 22 November 2001 when five Palestinian boys were blown to pieces when an Israeli landmine exploded in an area used by civilians. Also today, Israeli occupying forces, continuing to use excessive and indiscriminate lethal force, shot and killed a Palestinian police officer while he was in his home.

The Israeli occupying forces have also continued to carry out military actions against ambulances and medical personnel and facilities. Today, another hospital, the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, reported that Israeli tanks opened fire with heavy machine guns in its direction, inflicting substantial damage to the facility.

In follow-up to our previous 107 letters to you regarding the escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 12 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Monday, 13 March 2002 to Friday, 15 March 2002)

Wednesday, 13 March 2002

1. Faud Subhi A'deely
2. Naeem Ismail Abdelhady Alzabaineh
3. Saqr Abdel Mutaleb Musleh (18 years old)

Thursday, 14 March 2002

1. Maher Sherif Mohammed Abed Rabbo
2. Mohammed Fayeq Abu Lutfieh
3. Mohammed Faisal Mohammed Abu Al-Neel
4. Ahmed Saeed Khalil Al-Gharabaly
5. Jameel Abdallah Nawawrah (from wounds sustained on 5 March 2002)
6. Maher Balbessy
7. Mu'tasem Mahmoud Hamad Maklouf
8. Zakaria Musaad Mansour Shiekh Al-Eid

Friday, 15 March 2002

1. Kamal Abdel Nasser Rajab
2. Wa'el Mousa Al-Akhras
3. Esmaeel Abu Taha
4. Zeinab El-Awawdeh
5. Tahani El-Awawdeh (16 years old)
6. Amani El-Awawdeh (10 years old)
7. Salem El-Awawdeh (8 years old)
8. Tareq El-Awawdeh (4 years old)

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,129.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Since my last letter to you dated 15 March 2002 (A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281), Israeli occupying forces have killed 38 more Palestinians, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 1,167 since 28 September 2000. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) In addition, I wish to also draw attention to the fact that many more Palestinian civilians continue to be injured, many severely, by the Israeli occupying forces.

Today, the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Ariel Sharon, spoke of a three-phase plan with a "long-range interim period" as its goal. This reaffirms once more that Mr. Sharon wants to avoid a final settlement between the two sides in complete violation of the existing agreements, which could only lead to further confrontation, tension and violence. The rejection of a final settlement and a real peace between the two sides by Mr. Sharon has been the real reason for the above-mentioned Israeli military campaign against our people.

I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 108 letters to you regarding the escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 15 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Saturday, 16 March 2002 to Monday, 25 March 2002)

Saturday, 16 March 2002

1. Majdi Fadel Al-Owewe
2. Mohammed Salama Dana
3. Loay Mohammed Istati
4. Khalil Bade Al-Gharour
5. Majed Mohammed Abu Al-Jediar
6. Nidal Abdelnasser Ashour (16 years old)

Sunday, 17 March 2002

1. Shaima Saed Hamad (11 years old)
2. Nahed Mohammed Issa
3. Ismael Abdelrahman Hamdan
4. Mujahed Arafat Abu Shabab (2 years old) (from wounds sustained)
5. Mahmoud Mossa Jawaresh

Monday, 18 March 2002

Falah Kamel Al-Assa

Tuesday, 19 March 2002

1. Mohammed Saleh Mohammed Kameel
2. Ahmed Ali Ateeq
3. Ahmed Bahjat Shehdeh Al-Alami
4. Suliman Al-Zurai'ee
5. Mohammed Mohammed Hussein Abu Obeid

Wednesday, 20 March 2002

Mohammed Iyad Al-Mughrabi (11 years old) (from wounds sustained on 17 March 2002)

Thursday, 21 March 2002

Mahdouh Ali Muhsen (from wounds sustained on 18 March 2002)

Friday, 22 March 2002

Ayman Mohammed Rasheed Khawaldeh

Saturday, 23 March 2002

1. Nidal Ibrahim Hamdi Al-Alami
2. Eissa Wasfi Al-Nizr
3. Naji Ahmed Al-Ajrami
4. Mohammed Suliman Abu Hassanein
5. Nabil Khamis Abdel Ghafoor
6. Subhi Hasan Abu Namoos
7. Riham Hossam Abu Taha (4 years old) (from wounds sustained on 21 March 2002)
8. Mohammed Ali Othman

Sunday, 24 March 2002

1. Basem Mohammed Ali Abu Shehadeh
2. Nashaat Hamdan Abu Assi
3. Mohammed Abu Moamer
4. Ahmed Barbakh
5. Ahmed Abu Ne'ma

Monday, 25 March 2002

1. Moneeb Sami Abu Baker
2. Khaled Mahmoud Abu Oreban
3. Mahmoud Abu Yaseen (15 years old)
4. Samer Mohammed Abdeljawad
5. Wahed Abu Halema

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The military siege imposed by Israel, the occupying Power, on the Palestinian people and their President, Yasser Arafat, continues unabated. This siege, which has denied the President freedom of movement throughout, as well as out of and into, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, has prevented him from attending the Summit of the League of Arab States being held in Beirut, today and tomorrow, 27 and 28 March.

Moreover, in addition to the placement of further conditions on the movement of President Arafat, recent remarks by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon have revealed even worse intentions on the part of the Israeli Government. In this regard, Mr. Sharon has repeatedly declared his wish to prevent President Arafat from returning if he did indeed leave. For example, Mr. Sharon has stated, "If it is said to Israel by the United States that Israel can refuse to allow him to return if there are terror attacks, it will be easier for me to allow him to leave."

Mr. Sharon has also repeated a statement related to the safety and well-being of the Palestinian President. In an interview with an Israeli newspaper published yesterday, Mr. Sharon stated, "In my role as Prime Minister, I made one commitment which was a mistake: I said I would not harm Arafat physically." This remark follows a series of other dangerous and indeed insane statements by the Prime Minister, revealing his criminal intentions and his determination to continue the vicious military campaign against both the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority. Further, such statements recall Mr. Sharon's dark and bloody record of crimes and serve as yet another indication that for peace to be achieved, a different Israeli leader must emerge.

Clearly, the Government of Mr. Sharon has neither the intention nor the will to take the necessary steps towards peace. In fact, in recent days, Israeli military officials have repeatedly threatened to intensify military assaults against the Palestinian people and have been undertaking preparations for more intensive

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attacks. Just yesterday it was reported that a senior Israeli official stated that if ceasefire efforts fail, "then I guess we will have to take more aggressive operational steps". Such an escalation of the Israeli military campaign, now nearing its nineteenth month, can only lead to even greater death and destruction and suffering and loss for the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation and a more perilous deterioration of the situation.

In follow-up to my previous 109 letters to you regarding the grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 25 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/249; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253; A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; and A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter, 5 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs since 28 September 2000 to 1,172 people.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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to the United Nations

Annex

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 26 March to Wednesday, 27 March 2002)

Tuesday, 26 March 2002

1. Khaled Youssef Dabsh
2. Shadi Al-Hamamrah

Wednesday, 27 March 2002

1. Saeed Abulroz
2. Mustafa Al-Akhras
3. Waddah Al-Batsh

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Today, the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, has gravely deteriorated to crisis proportions as a result of the intensification of the Israeli military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian leadership. In the early hours of the morning (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces invaded Ramallah and launched heavy attacks against the official compound of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in the city. Using tanks, bulldozers and armoured personnel carriers, Israeli soldiers stormed the President's compound, destroying several buildings. This assault has thus far killed 5 Palestinians and wounded at least 25 others. In addition, Israeli occupying forces abducted at least 60 Palestinians during the assault on the compound.

This latest escalation of the bloody Israeli onslaught against the Palestinian people comes after President Arafat's clear declaration regarding Palestinian readiness to implement an immediate ceasefire. In complete disregard of this declaration and of ongoing efforts to secure a ceasefire, in addition to the invasion of Ramallah, Israeli occupying forces have invaded other Palestinian cities throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Israeli officials have stated that this reoccupation by the Israeli occupying forces is intended to last for at least several weeks. In this regard, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has specifically stated that "the military operation under way will last weeks and we are going to launch operations on a large scale without precedent". Moreover, with regard to the direct attacks against the compound of President Yasser Arafat in Ramallah, Mr. Sharon has made clear his malicious intentions by stating: "He is the enemy and at this stage he will be isolated." These statements follow a series of other dangerous and indeed insane statements by the Prime Minister, revealing his criminal intent and his determination to continue the vicious military aggression being perpetrated against both the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority since 28 September 2000.

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It is starkly obvious that the Israeli Government of Mr. Sharon has neither the intention nor the will to take the necessary steps towards peace. This latest escalation of the bloody Israeli military campaign will lead only to even more death and destruction and suffering and loss for the Palestinian people under Israel's occupation and the graver deterioration of this already critical situation. The military aggression being waged by the Israeli occupying forces threatens not only the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, but also, clearly, the stability of the region as a whole.

The international community cannot continue to stand idly by while Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its military campaign against the Palestinian people under its occupation. The international community cannot continue to stand idly by while the Israeli occupying forces, under the direct orders of Mr. Sharon, continue to commit even more war crimes, State terrorism and human rights violations against the Palestinian people. The Israeli Government must be held accountable for all of the crimes and violations it is committing. The international community, particularly the Security Council, must uphold its responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security and is thus duty-bound to stand up to such Israeli policies and practices and take the necessary measures to bring them to an immediate end. We call upon the Council to immediately convene with the aim of taking the necessary action to stop the rising bloodshed and destruction being wrought in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In follow-up to my previous 110 letters to you regarding the crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 27 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-

S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/249; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253, A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; and A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter, 5 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs since 28 September 2000 to 1,178 people.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 5.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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It is my profound regret to inform you that the crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate as a result of the escalating and widening bloody Israeli military assault against the Palestinian people and Palestinian leadership. As the Israeli assaults intensify, so have the human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism being committed by the occupying forces against the Palestinian people.

In addition to the ongoing Israeli military siege and attacks on the city of Ramallah, including the continuing siege of President Yasser Arafat in his office, Israeli occupying forces yesterday and today entered and seized the cities of Bethlehem, Qalqilya and Tulkarem. In Bethlehem, the Israeli occupying forces have occupied positions just metres from Manger Square outside the Church of the Nativity. Further, in all of the cities under siege, the Israeli occupying forces, using heavy tank weaponry, helicopter gunships and machine gun fire, have been assaulting and killing Palestinians and destroying buildings and property belonging to the Palestinian Authority, particularly police and security facilities. These incessant Israeli attacks have also caused extensive damage and destruction to Palestinian homes and vital infrastructures, including hospitals. This Israeli reoccupation of Palestinian towns and cities has also involved house-to-house searches and round-ups of all Palestinian males, ranging from the ages of 15 to 50, and the abduction and detention of hundreds of them.

The humanitarian situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory has declined to an appalling low level due to the depraved policies and practices of the occupying Power. In this regard, the Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out attacks in complete disregard for the welfare and safety of the Palestinian civilian population under occupation, deepening the already critical humanitarian situation. The number of dead and wounded Palestinians continues to steeply rise as a result of the incessant Israeli attacks each day. Further, the curfews imposed on Palestinian towns and cities have intensified the suffering of the Palestinian people,

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most of whom have been prevented from attending to even the most basic needs, such as procuring food and water. Severe restrictions on the freedom of movement have also been imposed by the occupying forces on international and humanitarian personnel attempting to assist the Palestinian people. Access to medical care has also been severely obstructed. This has included the continued practice by the occupying forces of preventing ambulances from reaching wounded Palestinians with the result that many have bled to death, including a mother and son shot and wounded by the Israeli forces in their home in Bethlehem today. Moreover, the Israeli occupying forces have even prevented the burial of some of the Palestinians that have been killed in Ramallah since the most recent Israeli siege and assault on that city began five days ago.

Furthermore, Ramallah as a whole has been declared a closed military zone by Israel, the occupying Power. Ramallah has even been closed to international journalists, preventing them from reporting on the situation in the city. Journalists have also been frequently harassed by the occupying forces and some have been killed. This is a clear indication of Israeli intentions to prevent media documentation of the illegal actions it is committing throughout Ramallah.

Addressing the latest developments, the Security Council adopted resolution 1402 (2002) on 30 March 2002, which remains today unimplemented. The Israeli side has conveyed several indications of its rejection of the resolution, including statements by Mr. Sharon that there would be no ceasefire from the Israeli side before the attainment of certain objectives. We stress the need for the immediate implemenation of all the provisions of resolution 1402 (2002), and we call upon the Security Council to take the necessary measures in this regard. The Arab Group at the United Nations has already requested an urgent meeting and an Arab draft resolution, calling for the immediate implementation of resolution 1402 (2002), has been introduced. We call upon the Council to immediately act in this regard.

At this stage, I wish to refer to the address by the Secretary-General to the Security Council yesterday, in which he applauded the Council for adopting resolution 1402 (2002) so swiftly and called upon the members of the Council, "collectively and individually — to act now to secure its implementation." We welcome the positions taken by the Secretary-General regarding the immediate implementation of resolution 1402 (2002), the need for a third-party presence and the need for a comprehensive approach that will deal with both the security and political dimensions of the situation. We call upon the international community, particularly the Security Council, to support and adopt those positions as a way out of the current tragic situation.

In follow-up to my previous 111 letters to you regarding the crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 29 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-

S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/249; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253; A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319 and A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330). I regret to inform you that, since my last letter, many Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. Due to the current circumstances in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, we have been unable to compile a complete and accurate list of all the Palestinian martyrs that have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces in recent days. However, the annex to the present letter contains the names of the martyrs that have thus far been identified. The names of the other Palestinians that have been killed by the occupying forces will be conveyed once they are identified.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 2 April 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Friday, 29 March, to Tuesday, 2 April 2002)

Friday, 29 March 2002

1. Alaa Ali Draghma
2. Omar Abdelhamid Hamayel
3. Jad Eizzat Selim
4. Raed Mohammed Abdelhamid Al-Demeisy
5. Sarida Abu Gharbiya
6. Ahmed Mohammed Nayef Ikhzeeq
7. Ahmed Abdel Jawad

Saturday, 30 March 2002

1. Khaled Fathi Awadallah
2. Ismail Ibrahim Deeb
3. Abdelrahman Tawfiq Abdallah
4. Amr Mohammed Musa
5. Saeed Mohammed Abdelrahman Al-Hindi
6. Hussein Hosni Al-Ashqar
7. Shaher Abu Sharar
8. Nuha Ziyad Katee'a (8 years old)
9. Ahmed Ishaq Hamada

Sunday, 31 March 2002

1. Azzam Ajaj
2. Ahmed Fathi Ajaj
3. Marwan Rustum Mohammed Shwashny

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,197.

4. Murad Wafiq Awaisah
5. Nader Abdellatif Assad Awad
6. Jamal Mahmoud Abdel Salam
7. Sabah Abdelrahman Abdel Khatary

Tuesday, 2 April 2002

1. Samyal Abdeh
2. Khaled Abdeh

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The crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, worsens each day as Israel, the occupying Power, presses on with its military campaign, including war crimes and State terrorism, against the besieged Palestinian people and Palestinian Authority. This brutal and bloody military campaign is being carried out, and indeed intensified, despite pleas from all over the international community for the government of Israel to immediately cease its assaults and to adhere to international humanitarian law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

Such calls upon Israel were reiterated in the strongest of terms during the public debate of the Security Council, which convened yesterday to consider the continuing deterioration of the situation. The Council was addressed by 58 speakers, the majority of whom implored the Council to take action for the immediate enforcement of resolution 1402 (2002) and specifically for the withdrawal of Israel from reoccupied Palestinian cities. We urge the Security Council to respond positively to the unanimous position conveyed by the membership in this regard by taking action on the draft resolution before it, submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia and contained in document S/2002/347, which demands the immediate implementation of resolution 1402 (2002). Urgent action by the Security Council is required to stem the grave and continuing decline of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, in the face of the ongoing Israeli onslaught against the Palestinian people and their leadership.

In fact, the scope of the Israeli military campaign has widened in recent days, causing even greater death and destruction, in complete defiance of the international community's calls in resolution 1402 (2002). The Israeli occupying forces have entered and seized even more Palestinian towns and cities, including Jenin and Salfit and, today, the city of Nablus, in addition to the continuing military siege on the cities of Ramallah, Bethlehem, Qalqilya and Tulkarem. The siege and escalating assaults on these cities by the occupying forces has also included the surrounding

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refugee camps, where the situation is even more critical. Moreover, all of the cities reoccupied by Israel have been declared closed military zones, and the foreign media have been prevented from documenting the situation as the occupying forces seek to commit even more human rights violations and atrocities against the Palestinian people out of the view of the international community.

In Ramallah, President Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority remain under siege. In Bethlehem, Israeli tanks remain positioned just metres away from the Church of the Nativity, gravely endangering this holy site. In Nablus, more than 100 Israeli tanks stormed the city, reoccupying positions and causing vast destruction, in addition to killing several Palestinians. The Israeli occupying forces also continued to shell the nearby city of Jenin, where among those killed by the occupying forces was a Red Crescent medical worker who was trying to retrieve the bodies of two other Palestinians who had been killed.

As mentioned in previous letters, the targeting of emergency medical vehicles and personnel continues to be a policy practised by the Israeli occupying forces in complete violation of international humanitarian law. The inhumane practice of preventing retrieval of those wounded or killed by Israeli fire continues as well. United Nations staff, particularly that of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), working in the area have even been threatened and repeatedly targeted by the Israeli forces, seriously endangering the safety of United Nations personnel and obstructing their work.

Round-ups of Palestinian males and house-to-house searches also continue to be carried out by the Israeli occupying forces, who have abducted and detained more than 1,000 Palestinians since this most recent onslaught began. Further, the occupying forces continue to carry out widespread destruction of homes, government buildings and institutions, cars, trees and vital infrastructure, including running water, electricity and sewage lines. Moreover, the vicious siege and the curfews imposed by the occupying forces have prevented civilians from procuring essential foodstuffs and other daily necessities and have caused a serious shortage in basic food items, including for infants, and medicines. The suffering of the Palestinian people intensifies with each day that this Israeli siege and military campaign continues to terrorize them and cause rampant death and destruction among them.

The extent of Mr. Sharon's madness is becoming more clearly evident each day as he continues to lead Israel in pursuit of this bloody military campaign, rife with human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people under occupation. Mr. Sharon's decisions to continue this campaign reflect his unimaginable defiance of the international community's repeated calls for an immediate end to the incessant Israeli attacks against the Palestinian people and reveal also the extreme arrogance and intransigence of Mr. Sharon and the Israeli government as a whole. Indeed, this madness was starkly reflected in recent comments made by the Israeli army chief, General Shaul Mofaz, who today publicly called for the "expulsion" of President Yasser Arafat. This call adds to Mr. Mofaz's bleak record, which should make him among the first Israeli officials to be tried for the war crimes being committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people.

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Tuesday, 2 April 2002 (In addition to the martyrs listed in our letter of 2 April 2002)

1. Santa Maria Arshmendrit
2. Shadi Fayez Al-Battat
3. Ayoub Mohammed Abu Musallam
4. Mohammed Hussein Muharam
5. Abboud Al-Amry
6. Ghaleb Abdellatif Khalil
7. Issa Mohammed Salim
8. Ala'a Abdelhay
9. Yousef Obeid
10. Fayez Khaled Saleh (13 years old)
11. Hamzeh Mahmoud Abu Rumooz
12. Yehya Da'amseh
13. Mahmoud Abdelfatah Falah
14. Annan Tayseer Jawareesh
15. Issa Youssef Daboub (15 years old)
16. Bahaa Khaled Al-Sharqawe

Wednesday, 3 April 2002

1. Dr. Fadwa Fathi Abdallah Jamal
2. Hani Attiyah Abu Rumailah
3. Ziyad Ibrahim Al-Zubaidy
4. Imad Khaled Musharqa
5. Mahmoud Musa Saleh
6. Mohammed Omar Hawasheen (13 years old)

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7. Omar Shehadeh Al-Sulihat
8. Awad Musa Al-Maleehy
9. Ahmed Yousef Al-Qalaq
10. Ahmed Al-Maghrabi
11. Ezzat Yousef Shaheen
12. Abdelkhaleq Abu Amrah
13. Jaber Al Abed Al-Nabaheen
14. Akram Khalifa
15. Widad Hamad Nimr Sufran

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to pursue its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people and their leadership in complete violation of international law and international humanitarian law and in complete defiance of the will of the international community. Mr. Sharon and his Government continue to ignore Security Council resolutions and to avoid their implementation, refusing to comply with the demands made in resolution 1402 (2002) for the withdrawal of Israeli occupying forces from Palestinian cities and an immediate cessation of all acts of violence. Once again, the Security Council convened yesterday and adopted resolution 1403 (2002), demanding the implementation of resolution 1402 (2002) without delay, and yet the Israeli occupying forces continue to wage their military campaign throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. The Israeli military attacks also continue in spite of the requests made by United States President George W. Bush in his statement yesterday.

The Israeli occupying forces continue to occupy Palestinian cities, towns, villages and refugee camps, killing and wounding Palestinians, destroying homes and properties and terrorizing the entire Palestinian population. Yesterday, occupying forces reoccupied the city of Al-Khalil and today seized the town of Tubas and began launching attacks and raids on the population there. In addition, the occupying forces continued to launch assaults in Nablus and Jenin and the surrounding refugee camps, as well as continuing the siege and attacks in Ramallah, Qalqilya, Tulkarem and Bethlehem. The toll of death and destruction in these cities steeply climbs with each passing day of the Israeli military campaign.

The Israeli siege of the Church of the Nativity continues in the occupied city of Bethlehem, which remains a closed military zone. Dozens of Israeli tanks and occupying soldiers remain surrounding the Church and Manger Square. The lives of the Palestinians who fled to the Church in search of safe haven from the Israeli

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onslaught are clearly in danger, as is the sanctity of the Church while the occupying forces continue their siege.

The international community must ensure the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1403 (2002), 1402 (2002) and 1397 (2002) to bring a halt to this most recent aggression by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. The international community is morally and legally duty-bound to take the necessary measures to bring an end to the Israeli human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority.

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2. Samir Ibrahim Salman
3. Rabe'a Ahmed Jalamneh
4. Abdallah Khidr Abu Obeid
5. Ahmed Hassan Abu Al-Heija
6. Nidal Abu Al-Heija
7. Mahmoud Rawhi Al-Akkah
8. Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Hattab

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